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WARDEN MESSAGE

DEMONSTRATIONS IN SKOPJE MAY 10 AND MAY 13

U.S. Embassy Skopje is releasing this warden message to alert U.S. citizens to anticipated demonstrations in Skopje on May 10 and 13. Both demonstrations have the potential to generate large crowds and disrupt travel at and adjacent to the demonstration sites.

May 10 Protest Against Discrimination:

According to press reports, the Coordinating Council of ethnic Albanian NGOs is sponsoring a protest to coordinate action against discrimination of ethnic Albanians in Macedonia, using the motto "For Justice." The protest will take place on May 10 beginning at 1300. Protestors will initially gather in front of the Skopje Court building and after 30-45 minutes will depart on foot toward the Government building. We expect the entire protest to last about two hours.

May 13 Burmali Mosque Event in Skopje:

According to press reports and information from the event organizers, there will be a gathering in Skopje on May 13 beginning at 1500 at the City Square (Plostad). The Burmali Council is organizing the gathering to celebrate the cultural and religious heritage of the Burmali mosque. Approximately 900 people are expected to participate.

In recent weeks several organizations and leaders in Macedonia, including the U.S. Embassy, have issued public statements urging everyone to refrain from violence in pursuit of their political objectives. We note the discovery on April 29 of a large

cache of arms and explosives in the northern part of Macedonia. Spontaneous demonstrations take place in Macedonia from time to time in response to world events or local developments. We remind U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can become violent and unpredictable. You should avoid them if at all possible. Be alert and aware of your surroundings and pay attention to local news media coverage of these events.

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